84. Means of communication in Todupuzha.

Mr. Utuppan Tomman (Member, Todupuzha Taluk) spoke about the necessity of the following roads:—

(*a*) Vazhakulam-Kotamangalam road.

(*b*) Road to Periyar from Karimannur *via* Malappuram and Kannadiar,

(*c*) Road from Mariappalam (Muvattupuzha) to Todupuzha passing through Menmadangu, Kavana and other places.

The Member said that the condition of the people in the matter of communications was deplorable. The sanction accorded to the construction of a bridge across the Pulikal river and of a road to Arakulam had not so far been given effect to. He then urged the need for the conversion of some of the existing village foot-paths into cart roads—namely the 6 feet paths from (1) Vazhakulam to Purappuzha, Kodikkulam and Karimannur, (2) the village road from Vazhakulam-Kotamangalam and (3) the 6 feet trace from Karimannur to Periyar *via* Malappuram. Barring the head-quarters of the taluks of Todupuzha and Muvattupuzha, the most important places in those localities were Vazhakkulam and Kotamangalam. The Karimannur-Periyar village road would, if improved and rendered fit for cart traffic, restore the commercial importance of the Todupuzha taluk. The Member also complained about the present condition of the dispensary and lack of accommodation for patients, especially in view of the hilly nature of the taluk and requested that it be converted into a hospital, as already promised.

Dewan's reply.—The Todupuzha taluk has only been recently opened up and it will take time to introduce a net work of roads there. A road from Kodayattur to Mayalam Saddle is now under investigation. There are also two roads under construction in the taluk, viz., the Arakulam road and the Todupuzha-Karimannur road.

Member.—The road from Karimannur to Periyar is most necessary.

Dewan.—An estimate for Rs. 3,500 has been received for the road from Kudayattur to Mayalam Saddle and this road leads to Periyar. If that is sanctioned, the other road is unnecessary.

Member.—The other road will benefit Todupuzha. The road, I suggested, is necessary.

Dewan.—Is there not a road to Kaliyar Estate?

Member.—Yes. We want a road from that place to Periyar. The road from Kudayattur to Periyar is a round-about one about 5 or 6 miles away. We want this road also.

Dewan.—The Chief Engineer will look into this matter.

In regard to the hospital, I did not say that the dispensary would be converted into a hospital. I said that it would be removed from the present building to the Forest Ranger's Office. The Darbar Physician has agreed to this proposal and he says that the building should be repaired and the dispensary transferred. Even if it is a dispensary, one or two patients would ordinarily be admitted and treated as in-patients.

Member.—Till now, no patients have been admitted.

Dewan.—There should be an emergency ward. General orders have been issued in the matter.

85. Some needs of the Kunnatnad Taluk.

Mr. V. R. Gopala Pillai (Member, Kunnatnad Taluk) first spoke about the necessity of making Perumpavur a conservancy station to be controlled and looked after by the Sanitary Commissioner and his staff. He described the growing importance of the locality on account of the existence of public offices and an important market which attracted a large concourse of people. The need for keeping the station in a state of sanitation was felt, especially soon after the market days. The only way of attaining the end was to convert Perumpavur into a

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